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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 6193rd meeting of the Security Council, held on 29 September 2009, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in Côte d'Ivoire", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council reiterates its full support to the Ougadougou political process and to the electoral timeline endorsed by all the main Ivorian political actors, leading to the first round of open, free, fair and transparent presidential elections on 29 November 2009. It commends the Facilitator, President Blaise Compaore of Burkina Faso, for his continued efforts to support the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire.

"The Security Council further reiterates its determination to bring its full support to a credible electoral process and highlights the importance of an inclusive participation of the Ivorian civil society. It stresses that to this end it has extended the mandate and has maintained the troop level of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) in its resolution 1880 (2009). It further stresses that it expressed in this resolution its intention to authorize the Secretary-General to redeploy troops, as may be needed, between the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) and UNOCI.

"The Security Council expresses its concern at the delay in publication of the provisional voters list, and highlights that further delays in the publication of the voters list may put at risk the timeline for open, free, fair and transparent presidential elections.

"The Security Council reiterates that the Ivorian political actors are bound to respect the electoral timeline. It urges all Ivorian actors to comply fully with their commitments, in order for the voters list to be published as soon as possible in the framework of a transparent and inclusive process. It recalls that the Special Representative of the Secretary General will certify the voters list explicitly.

"The Security Council will review the situation by 15 October 2009. It expresses its intention to react as appropriate, consistent with its resolution 1880 (2009), towards those who would block the progress of the electoral process.

"The Security Council further expresses its intention to start considering the future direction of UNOCI by reviewing by 15 October its mandate and the benchmarks for a possible drawdown of the operation, in particular in light of the progress of the electoral process."

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